

beautification at the Franklin Town Park. The project included painting buildings, picnic tables and trash cans, laying mulch, repairing playground equipment, and conducting a safety survey.

Ryan Dahmer lives with his family in Pendleton County, West Virginia. After high school, Ryan plans to attend Fairmont State University and pursue a degree in aviation.

Mr. Speaker, the Boy Scout Oath encourages young scouts do their best for God and country. Indeed, Ryan Dahmer has done his duty, by serving his community and making Franklin, West Virginia a better place.

HONORING ITNAMERICA FOR DELIVERING A HALF-MILLION SENIOR RIDES

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate an organization based in my district on reaching an important milestone. With its beginnings in Portland, Maine, the senior transportation service ITNAmerica provided its half-millionth ride in March 2013.

Designed to recreate the comfort, convenience, and independence of private automobile ownership, ITNAmerica offers rides to seniors who can no longer drive their own vehicles. Using a network of paid and volunteer drivers, the organization offers "arm-through-arm and door-through-door service" seven days a week, 24 hours a day. With an average age of 85, riders use the service for anything from shopping trips to doctor's appointments.

Reading the stories of its riders, it's clear that ITNAmerica's service is not just about getting seniors from Point A to B.

Without the ability to drive, seniors can find themselves suddenly shut off from services, friends, and the world—with terrible repercussions for their health and wellbeing. Just as sadly, our communities can also lose out on the many things they have to offer. This service allows seniors to keep their freedom and quality of life while maintaining their connections to businesses, churches, and volunteer commitments. And along the way, they develop lasting friendships with their drivers and fellow riders.

Executive Director Katherine Freund founded the organization in 1995 after her 3-year-old son was injured by an elderly driver. Katherine decided the accident was less the fault of the driver than of a system that does not adequately meet the transportation needs of seniors who live past their driving years. From humble beginnings, ITNAmerica has grown to 23 affiliates in 18 states across the country and Katherine has earned numerous awards and accolades for the difference she has made in the lives of seniors.

While it took 18 years to reach the first half-million rides, ITNAmerica expects to deliver its millionth ride in only three years from now. With millions of baby boomers soon retiring, this service is more important than ever. My sincere congratulations and appreciation go to Katherine Freund, ITNAmerica, its affiliates, staff, volunteers, and, indeed, riders on reaching this incredible milestone.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 3, 2009, the day I took office, the national debt was \$10,627,961,295,930.67.

Today, it is \$16,819,547,647,482.89. We've added \$6,191,586,351,552.22 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.1 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a Balanced Budget Amendment. We must stop this unconscionable accumulation of debt.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EDINA BOYS HOCKEY STATE CHAMPIONS

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Edina Boys Hockey Team on their impressive performance at the State Hockey Tournament victory on March 9, 2013.

The team defeated Hill Murray High School in the finals to win their 11th State Tournament title and end their season with a 22–6 winning record. This game served as the programs' rubber match, with Edina winning the championship in 1988 and Hill Murray evening the series in 2008. This year, Edina came out the victor once again.

The Edina Boys hockey program carries on a proud tradition of success in athletics at Edina High School under the coaching staff of Curt Giles.

All of these student athletes, their parents and their coaches deserve praise for their dedication and determination.

It is an honor to be able to represent, and recognize, such all-star athletes. Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS KITTITAS VALLEY HEALTHCARE (KVH) HOSPITAL

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to applaud the Kittitas Valley Healthcare (KVH) Hospital for being named among the top 100 critical access hospitals in the nation. Having immediate, quality care can make the difference between saving a life and losing it, and I am so proud that a facility like KVH is serving the constituents of Washington's 8th District. Critical access hospitals are institutions that are at least 35 miles away from another hospital and have a maximum of 27 acute care beds. All 100 of these institutions are to be commended for their work ensuring access to quality healthcare for all citizens, and especially those living in rural areas. KVH was chosen to be in the top 100 because it provides exceptional quality of care, patient

outcomes post-hospitalization, patient satisfaction, and affordability.

This is only the second time such a list has been released and KVH Hospital has been on the list both times. KVH is one of only two hospitals in Washington State to receive this distinction and has repeatedly shown itself to be a champion for the well-being of their patients. It is truly committed to improving the communities it serves. Again, I applaud KVH for its dedication to providing communities with superior patient care and achieving this high honor. I encourage it to continue its practices shown to improve patient health outcomes and satisfaction, and I hope that other critical access hospitals from Washington State and across the nation will strive to copy KVH's success.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE DALE CITY MULTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2013 recipients of the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards sponsored by the Dale City Christian Church. The Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards began in 1984 to educate youth about the achievements of African-Americans under the adopted motto, "For if a man does not know his history, he cannot know his future."

Currently in its 29th year, the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards banquet is an annual event honoring individuals who show an exceptional devotion to their community through service. The purpose of the event is two-fold: To highlight the extraordinary work of individuals who are improving the lives of people within the local community and to offer scholarship assistance to high school seniors pursuing higher education. The banquet promotes higher education and independence by providing guidance and financial assistance to students, which helps instill the honorees with national, community, and family pride.

The 2013 recipients are graduating high school seniors, public servants, business leaders, local church leaders, and members of the Dale City Christian Church congregation. It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the recipients of the 2013 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards:

Pastoral Leadership Award: Dr. Derek Grier.  
Religious Leadership Award: Rev. Morris Bussie.

Educational Leadership Award: Ms. Anita Flemons, Mr. Terrence Davenport.

Professional Leadership Award: Dr. Kiana Rene Trent.

Community Service Award: Dale City Sports Club, Cecil and Veronica Anderson.

Business Achievement Award: Ms. Michelle McKinney.

Christian Service Award: Ms. Marguerette Swift, Mr. Thomas Martin.

Faithfulness Award: Deaconess Edna Fulcher, Trustee George Boggs.

Dedicated Christian Family Award: Deacon Bedford, Deaconess Karen King and Family.

Senior Leadership Award: Miss Tyra Bland.